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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

SAVING A SOUL FROM DEATH

INTRODUCTION: James 5:19-20

1. Prior to our text, James deals with the sick—either physical, or spiritual (14-15).
2. Vss. 19-20 certainly refers to spiritual sickness.

I. A CHILD OF GOD CAN FALL.

- A. “Perseverance of the Saints” Is False Doctrine.
 1. In OT: (1 Chr. 28:9).
 2. In NT: (1 Cor. 9:27; 10:12; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 10:26).
 3. James’ audience are Christians—not alien sinners; “Brethren” (19).
 4. *Wanders* from the truth (19), If one fails to return, spiritual death awaits.
- B. We Must Appreciate The Severity of this Truth!
 1. Must do all we can to keep this from happening by:
 - a. Knowing the Scriptures.
 - b. Continuing to teach after baptism (Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 18:24-26).
 2. When we properly understand the implications of *lostness*, we will do all we can to bring backsliding brethren back into the fold of God.

II. A FALLEN CHILD OF GOD CAN RETURN.

- A. If A Child of God Falls, There is Still Hope.
 1. James’ emphasis is not whether or not a child of God can fall, he writes under the correct assumption that he can.
 2. James informs Christians that so long as a person lives, he can turn back (19-20).
- B. Must Be Realistic So As Not To Become Discouraged (20). A “multitude” is not everybody, but it’s a lot.
 1. Rom. 4:6-8; cf. Psa. 32:1-2.
 2. Show personal interest- get involved with the wayward.
 3. Talk with them about their spiritual needs (2 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 10:24).
 4. Pray for them (Jas. 5:15-16) and let them know you are.

III. CHILDREN OF GOD HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY.

- A. “Brethren, if anyone among you...” (19).
 1. The one involved in bring the wanderer back is also a Christian.
 2. Gal. 6:1-2. “restore” is a command, not a suggestion.
- B. Many Reason Why We Should Want To Do This:
 1. He is our brother for whom Christ died
 2. We too, could become unfaithful— (19; cf. 1 Cor. 10:12).
 3. God has covered our multitude of sins (20), desire this for our brethren.
 4. Errorists generate a negative influence—restoration preferable to purging
 5. Helping others brings personal joy. Our efforts affect eternity
 6. Our attitude towards the lost affect our eternal destiny. (cf. Lk. 15:28f; 1 Tim. 4:16).

IF JESUS WROTE US A LETTER.

We are studying The Revelation of Jesus Christ on Wednesday evenings and this past week we surveyed Christ's letters to the seven representative churches in Asia Minor. This brief article stems from our devotional thoughts from that evening.

The common thinking with regard to these seven letters is that they are representative of what is good and bad about the churches then as well as throughout the history of the church even to today. So, I asked myself, "What would Jesus write to the church of Christ here at 10th & Clairmont?"

I must admit, it is a distressing thing to contemplate. Not at all that I think we have serious flaws, but just the enormity of the implications that our Lord Jesus Christ knows everything about us as a congregation and as individuals. In each of the letters in Revelation 2-3, Jesus says, "I know your works" (2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15). We cannot escape the all-seeing eye of the Lord.

Saving for the churches of Christ at Sardis and Laodicea, Jesus highlighted what was good about the congregation. What might Jesus commend about us? Would this be an extensive list of things, or would He struggle to find anything good to say as with those previously mentioned churches?

Each congregation received a condemnation as well with the exception of Smyrna and Philadelphia. What and how much might our Lord find wrong with us? Of what would we need to seek forgiveness, repent and amend?

As with the seven, I am certain Jesus would remind us that "He who overcomes" will be blest for eternity, as He reminded all of them. He urged them, and He urges us to live in view of eternity; how are we doing? —JK.

Welcome! To our visitors! We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates.

AM Bible Study: Philippians 2:19f
AM Sermon: Saving Souls From Death (James 5:19-20)
PM Sermon: The Weak Strong Man (Judges 15:14-20).
Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 1:19f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Norm Behrendt**, and **Rick and Brenda Warne** are recovering from COVID.
- Our sympathy to **Connie Norris** at the passing of her sister-in-law.
- **Jody Main** sustained two fractured ribs in a fall last week.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Please inform **John** of any changes to the prayer list, or directory.
- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
37	61	39	23	not posted (\$2,420)

<p><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley.</p>	<p><u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, Randy Yost</p>
<p><u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Rachell Cook (Angela Herald’s friend), Tiffany Endly (Jerri Mackie’s niece), Bob Henthorn (Laura Jamiel’s dad), Trudy Kerby, Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith’s sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), Kellie Price (Richard Mayo’s cousin), Addy Reed, Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham’s father), John Rockhold, Wilma Roe, Bob & Marge Watson, Ukraine and remember to pray for one another.</p>	

*The LORD knows the days of the upright. And their inheritance shall be forever
 (Psalm 37:18).*